

MYERS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER
"CREATING A FAMILY December
NEIGHBORHOOD TOGETHER 2008
BY HELPING EACH OTHER"



BOARD MEMBERS:

President - Vickie Mesimer - 748-0862
Vice President - Mary Dryden - 790-5625
Vice President Liaison to Business & Government -
Pat Martin - 748-1150
Secretary - Anita Hess - 571-8256
Treasurer - Gerrit Van Erven - 747-4714
Member at Large - Rudi Cehak - 748-0862

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Newsletter - Anita Hess - 571-8256
By-Laws - Mary Dryden - 790-5625
Nominations - Rudi Cehak - 748-0862
Audit -

SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Rebuilding Together - Mary Hillmon - 790-1437
Cleanup - Mary Hillmon, Anita Hess - 571-8256
Spanish translation -
ASL translation - Troy and Karen Peterson
Telephone - Norma Detamore - 750-8872
Welcome/Membership - John Dowdall - 790-1767
Graffiti Reports - Rudi Cehak - 748-0862
Aluminum Can Recycling - Anita Hess - 571-8256
PCOA Ambassador - Mary O'Neil - 747-5566
Gleaners - Rudi Cehak - 748-0862

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

Abe Marques, Ward 5 Aide - 791-4231
Freedom Park Center - 791-4969
Freedom Center Health Clinic - 790-8500
Eckstrom-Columbus Library - 594-5285
Mayor & Council Comments - 791-4700
City Complaint Line - 792-2489
Myers-Ganoung Elementary - 584-6700
M-G Community Rep. - Teresa Serratos - 584-6740
Myers-Ganoung Family Center - 584-6740
TUSD Security 24/7 - 584-7676
Naylor Middle School - 584-6800
Rincon High School - 232-5600
29th Street Coalition WEED & SEED
Chair Vickie Mesimer - 748-0862
Vice Chair David Robles - 747-9738
Helen Ferris - 425-4457
Myers Reps. Vickie Mesimer, 748-0862,
Pat Martin - 748-1150, Kurt Hough, 546-5904
29th Street C.A.N. - Sarah Scopellite - 406-6959
KA-BOOM - Helen Ferris, 425-4457
ARC-End Domestic Violence - 566-1919

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 2, 2008,
6:30-7:30 PM at Myers-Ganoung Cafeteria.**
**Program: Holiday Potluck (not just desserts) and
Sing-Along. Bring Holiday Gift Bag donations.**
Door prizes every meeting.

WORDS FROM THE PREZ

Can you believe it--2008 is almost over. We have a new President and Vice President-elect of the United States of America as well as of Myers Neighborhood Association. I have very much enjoyed serving as your Myers Neighborhood Association President over the past three years, and am now very proud to present our new President, John Dowdall, and Vice President, Rudi Cehak.

Please join us for our next Neighborhood Association meeting, December 2 at Myers-Ganoung Elementary School. We'll be in the cafeteria at 6:30 PM, for our Annual Holiday Potluck, songs and good old-fashioned get-together, and to welcome our new 2009 Board Members. . Please bring a dish of goodies to share at our Holiday Potluck.

END OF WORDS FROM THE PREZ

HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS will be distributed to our elderly and shut-in neighbors. Bring your donation of personal care items and small gifts to the December 2 meeting, or, by December 12, bring them to Co-Chairs Anita Hess, 571-8256, 4918 E. Andrew, and Debbie Dowdall, 790-1767, 4950 E. 28th Street.

REPORT ON NOVEMBER MEETING

Officers for 2009 are:

President: **John Dowdall**
Vice President: **Rudi Cehak**
VP Liaison to Business/Government: **Pat Martin**
Treasurer: **Gerrit Van Erven**
Secretary: **Mary Dryden**
Member at Large: **Anita Hess**
Representatives to Weed & Seed (2): **Rudi Cehak, Charles Miller**. Installation will be in January.

A vote extended the Treasurer's term to a third year. **Reading Seed** speakers discussed their children's literacy program, and asked for volunteers to read to and listen to students at Myers-Ganoung Elementary, to make reading fun for them.

RED LIGHT LAW: You must enter the intersection before the light turns red. The key is that the intersection begins at the CURB LINE, not at the crosswalk. At large intersections it can be 20 or 30 feet past the crosswalk. If the light is turning red, do not enter the intersection.

VACANT, ABANDONED, and NEGLECTED structures can cause problems. Report them to Vickie Mesimer, 748-0862.

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NEED HELP? Seniors aged 60+ and handicapped adults, who live in our Weed & Seed area, can call on **29TH Street C.A.N.** Their volunteers help with free neighborly services. They assist individuals to remain in their homes by providing transportation, yard work help, socialization, caregiver relief, and more. In the month of October, 15 volunteers provided 153 services to 31 recipients! **CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?** Greatest needs are for light housework, light yard work, and transportation. Transportation mileage is generously reimbursed at \$.585/mile. Our office is now located at Freedom Park Center. Call **Sarah Scopellite**, 406-6959.

29th Street C.A.N. has been declared exempt from federal income tax--with our 501(c)(3) status, contributions to us are tax deductible.

THANKS TO THESE BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO DONATED FUNDING, EQUIPMENT, FOOD, AND GIFTS TO MAKE OUR 29TH STREET CELEBRATION SO SUCCESSFUL!

Funding: Myers Neighborhood Association, Cash Box, Pre-Ventronics

Equipment: Bounce Around

Food: Wienerschnitzel, Wal-Mart, Eegee's, Shamrock Farms, Ward 5, Nabisco-Keebler, Oroweat Baking Company, Fry's Food & Drug, Safeway, Costco, Albertson's

Gifts and Gift Certificates: Ace Hardware, Animal Birth Control of Tucson, Arizona Vac/Sew Center, BAP Import Parts, Big O Tires, Cactus Bowl, Carquest of 22nd Street, Catalina Tool & Mold, Inc., Chariot Pizza, Charlie's Comic Books, Dakota Builders, Dan's Paint & Body, Domino's Pizza, Double T Signs, Inc., Dunkin Donuts, E-Konomy Pool Service & Supplies, El Molinito, El Sur, Eric's CarStar, Express Furniture, Evergreen Flowers, First Class Auto Glass Tint, G & L Import/Export, Gus Balon's Restaurant, Hat's Games, Hem-a-Way, LLC, Henry's Hair Studio, J.E.M. Auto Repair, Jack's Original Bar-B-Q, Jay Bees Auto Service, Karyn Gavin & Associates, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Mama Louisa's Italian Restaurant, Moan's Oriental Market, Multi-Business Inc., Peking Palace, Precision Alignment & Brake, Precision Tool, Reflections Barber Shop, Shell American 22nd and Alvernon, Safa Shell 22nd and Craycroft, Sweet Tomatoes, Rudi's Yard Equipment Repair, The Hungry Fox, Tony's N.Y. Style Italian Deli, Tucson Wolfpack Boxing Gym, 29th Street Coalition Weed & Seed, Valley Animal Hospital, Workmens Boots & Shoes, and Yokohama Asian Express. 7-11 stores at 22nd and Swan, and at 29th and Columbus, donated box trays.

The Department of Neighborhood Services, Competitive Engineering, and Freedom Park donated tables and chairs.

Freedom Park personnel helped with stage

placement, and worked all afternoon and evening, keeping lights, electrical service, trash pickup, and cleanup going smoothly.

Jeff Smith of Julia Keen Neighborhood donated professional photography.

ENTERTAINMENT was donated by **DJ Ric Moreno**, Singing by **Children Reaching For the Sky**, **Chris Valdez'** Martial Arts Club, and **Frank Ruiz'** Mariachi Diamantes de Tucson.

CERT--EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

Secure for your family an out-of-town contact, who may be in a position to connect with all your family members in case of separation. Be sure everyone has the telephone number and a prepaid long distance phone card, or coins, on hand at all times.

ARE YOU ON MEDICARE? Do you pay more than \$5. for each prescription drug you take? Are your monthly checks less than \$1,300 (single) or \$1,750 (couple)? To see if you qualify for help, call 546-2011, Pima Council on Aging.

A CUB SCOUT PACK sponsored by the American Legion will be meeting at Myers-Ganoung. Sign up Cubs in 4th and 5th grade, and adult volunteers. Call **Michael** or **Christina Smith**, 293-7430.

PLEASE COLLAR AND TAG YOUR ANIMALS for their safety, and their safe return if they are lost. Owners are responsible for the safety of their pets. For stray or dead animals, call Pima Co. Health Dept., 743-7550.

SAVE ON YOUR INCOME TAX, MAKE A TAX CREDIT DONATION TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS. Any amount up to \$200. for individuals, or \$500. for a couple, is repaid by the State of Arizona, by deducting it from the income tax you owe. You can specify how it is to be used--for example, for field trips or art programs at Myers-Ganoung, or for the new Career and Technical Education program at Naylor Middle School. Our schools will appreciate any amount!

WANTED: A piano for Myers-Ganoung Elementary. Call **Principal Barbara Gonzales**, 584-6700.

On **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**, Pantano Christian Church members and Myers neighbors painted the cafeteria and outside benches, and planted trees at our Myers Elementary School. Thank you to all those who helped!

Freedom Park SENIOR PROGRAMS: Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Free classes for seniors 50+ are: Spanish, computer, chair exercises, and line dancing. Activities are: DVD club, book club, library, Bingo, stitching, walking, weight room, cards, and sewing club. Monday through Friday, for seniors 60+, hot, nutritious, delicious meals are served 12:00-1:00 PM. Donation is \$1.50. Register in advance, 791-4969. A Pima Council on Aging Ambassador is at the park every Wednesday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon, to help seniors get answers to questions about any topic.

MEETINGS FOR WEED & SEED:

The Community and Law Enforcement Team of Weed & Seed--Monday, December 1st, 6:00 PM, at Freedom Park. Come to the meeting to report problems, or call **Vickie Mesimer**, 748-0862. Weed & Seed Steering Committee--Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 PM, at Naylor School library.

FUTURE SCHEDULED MYERS MEETINGS:

TUESDAY, December 2, 2008, 6:30 to 7:30 PM, at Myers-Ganoung. Holiday potluck and Sing-along. Tuesday, January 6, Installation of 2009 officers, Speaker: Lutheran Social Services on refugees.

NEW FREEDOM PARK CENTER HOURS:

9:30 AM to 6:00 PM weekdays. Closed weekends. See "Just For Kids" for youth activities schedule.

FREEDOM PARK FOOD DISTRIBUTION is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Bring I.D. and a utility bill or proof of residence. First come, first serve.

For low income families, LIRA (Low Income Ratepayer Assistance) at Southwest Gas provides a 20% discount on the first 150 therms used each month, November through April. The **LIEC** Weatherization Program assists with audits, education, and materials to increase energy efficiency and safety. Emergency Bill Assistance is also available. For information, call 1-800-428-7324.

A TIP LINE FOR REPORTING UNDERAGE

DRINKING and other liquor-related violations to the Tucson Police Department's Traffic Division: Call 837-SAFE, 837-7233, and leave a voice mail message. The information provided will be reviewed and acted upon by TPD.

FREEDOM PARK'S MEDICAL CLINIC is open weekdays, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. All insurances are accepted. They have sliding scale if you have no health insurance, and they can assist you to enroll in state programs.

You can join the federal DO NOT CALL LIST, a permanent listing, call 1-888-382-1222, TTY 1-866-290-4236. Call from the number you will list.

JUST FOR KIDS

MYERS ELEMENTARY: KIDCO, after-school until 6:00 PM, is for students 5-11 years of age. Provided by Parks & Recreation. Games, sports, arts, crafts.

FREEDOM PARK CENTER: KIDCO, after-school until 6:00 PM. Games, sports, arts, crafts.

Kid Kreation, ages 3-5, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. ABCs, 123s, social interaction, motor development.

Homework Help Tuesdays after school.

Free **Teen Program**, ages 11-17, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 2:30-4:30 PM. Sports, exercise, volunteering, games, music. Call for information about other teen programs.

Free Handball lessons, equipment furnished for lessons. Call for schedule. 791-4969

Jim and Vicky Click BOYS & GIRLS CLUB:

Memberships are \$5.00 each school year, for ages 7-17. **Game Room, Computer Lab, Arts & Crafts, Library/Homework help, Gym/Sports, Social activities/Classes/Clubs.** Call **Corey, 300-5715.**

ECKSTROM-COLUMBUS LIBRARY, 594-5285

Stay & Play: Mondays 9:30-11:30 AM.

Toddler Storytime: Thursdays 10:15 AM

Preschool Storytime: Thursdays 11:00 AM

Family Craft Night: 2nd and 4th Wed., 6:30 -7:30 PM

L2Play Video games @ Your Library: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday, 3:30-5:00 PM, for teens and pre-teens. Dance Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero, etc.

Computer classes: 6 week series of computer basics: Saturdays, 8:30-10:00 AM. Call to register, 594-5280.

ZUNI AVE. PEACE CENTER

Girls With Tools, Bike Club, Community Garden plots available. Call for information, 514-0900.

NAYLOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL

PROGRAM: Educational and fun activities. Call for information, 584-6800.

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